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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT FROM
PRESIDENT OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY, DR. TABARE
VAZQUEZ

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On November 5, 2008, Post received a letter from the President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Dr. Tabare Vazquez to the Honorable Barack Obama, The President-elect of the United States of America. Unofficial translation follows:

Dear friend:

On behalf of the Uruguayan people and Government, I congratulate you for your recent election as the next President of the United States of America.

Through you, I would also like to congratulate your voters, who built the electoral victory with conviction, hope and perseverance. I also extend my congratulations to the United States citizens, whose democratic values have enabled a historical change for their country and for the world.

A great challenge awaits you both in the domestic and the international levels. However, knowing the values and principles that inspire you and the commitments you have made, I trust they will have a good outcome.

I also hope that during your Presidency the friendship, diplomatic relations, trade, scientific cooperation and cultural dialogue between the United States and Uruguay will be further strengthened.

You may count on us for this task as well as for all those tasks that contribute to peace, freedom, democracy, justice and equal opportunities for the well being of humans and their individual dignity.

Looking forward to meeting you personally in the near future, I hereby express my friendship and respectful wishes.

Dr. Tabare Vazquez
President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

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